

Mayor Charles "Skip" Lee called a meeting of the Sterling City Council to order at 6:30 pm on Monday, June 4, 2012. Roll call. Present: Aldermen Retha Elston, Linda Marley, Joe Martin, and Lou Sotelo. Absent: Aldermen Barry Cox and Amy Viering.

Also present were City Attorney Ron Coplan, City Manager Scott Shumard, Assistant Manager Intern Hadley Skeffington-Vos, Director of Financial Services Cindy Von Holten, Building and Zoning Superintendent Amanda Schmidt, Interim Fire Chief Gary Cook, Police Lt. Doug Fargher, and City Clerk Marie Rombouts.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There were no communications from Visitors.

Alderman Elston made a motion to approve the items on the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- A) Bills and Payroll totaling \$397,649.98
- B) Bid award for street excavation and base installation on various City street projects – 2012 Street Project Contract #1
- C) Petition to allow the American Legion Auxiliary to solicit funds and distribute poppies at the intersections of First Avenue/Third Street, Second Avenue/Second Street, and Second Avenue/Fourth Street on Saturday, September 1, 2012 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
- D) Petition to allow the Sterling Optimist Club to hold a bucket brigade fundraiser on Saturday, July 21 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the intersections of Second Avenue/Second Street, Third Street/Locust, Avenue B/Fourth Street, and First Avenue/Third Street

The motion was seconded by Alderman Sotelo. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee read the life saving commendation for Sgt. Robert Allen into the record. Sgt. Allen took steps to locate an endangered person, remained beyond his shift to meet with her, took time to connect with her, and removed her threat to end her own life. Mayor Lee was pleased to recognize Sgt. Allen for his efforts and noted the good that officers do beyond their regular duties.

Alderman Elston made a motion to pass the proclamation declaring June 16<sup>th</sup> as the official Juneteenth Celebration for the YWCA of the Sauk Valley to be held at Prophetor Park; seconded by Alderman Marley. Mayor Lee read the proclamation into the record. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Mayor Lee opened the public hearing on municipal aggregation at 6:38 pm. Mike Mudge of Rock River Energy Services, Co., stated we are ready to move forward. The

second ordinance can be passed at the June 18 meeting. Citizens will receive notices when they can opt out of the program.

Alderman Martin asked how long it will take to switch to a new supplier. Mudge stated it will take 45 to 60 days to switch after we select a supplier.

Dave Kendrick asked when aggregation would be rebid. Mudge explained the bidding process would start about six months before the contract expires and most contracts are 1 to 3 years. Kendrick asked what the City gets in this deal. Mudge explained the hope is that the money saved by citizens will be spent locally although some suppliers do offer a grant to the City, possibly .02%.

Alderman Elston asked if there is trouble with electricity, do citizens call Commonwealth Edison. Mudge confirmed that Commonwealth Edison is still the carrier and should be called for disruptions of service.

Kendrick asked what happens if the supplier cannot beat the Commonwealth Edison price. Mudge stated that Commonwealth Edison would continue services and the aggregation would be rebid.

Mayor Lee closed the hearing for electrical aggregation at 6:53 pm.

Alderman Sotelo made a motion to adopt **Ordinance No. 2012-06-20 Declaring Certain Personal Property to be Surplus and Providing for the Sale Thereof**; seconded by Alderman Martin. The 1976 fire truck was refurbished in 1996 and has seen the end of its useful life. Voting: Ayes – All. Nays – None. Motion carried.

Manager Shumard informed the Council of a meeting with the railroad on Thursday and the “Wizard of Oz” showing at the Grandon on Thursday evening.

Alderman Elston reminded everyone of Band Concerts beginning Wednesday evening.

Mayor Lee again commended Sgt. Allen. He circulated a thank you note from James Ellmaker’s widow for the flowers sent to the funeral. Mayor Lee thanked Scott and Hadley for their work on the outdoor movies and the enthusiasm he has heard. Mayor Lee was pleased to report the great turn out for the City of God’s youth activity with both Fire and Police in attendance. He reminded everyone of Juneteenth on June 16 and presented his certificate for completion of Open Meetings Act (OMA) training.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.